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Local helping agency keeps goals, adopts official title

A Grant Township organization that helps other groups will now be known by it's official name.

The organization, formerly known as the Grant Township United Way, will now be called the United Community Fund of Grant Township, following Wednesday's board meeting.

The board decided to use the group's official name because it is not part of the state or national United Way.

Joining either of those organizations would have meant paying a fee to belong. "We've always told people that the money stays 100 percent local, said vice president Chalmers Flint.

While the name is different, the group's focus will

remain the same: helping approximately 20 local agencies offering services to township residents.

In other business Wednesday, 1997 drive chairman Mike Pemberton told the board that chairmen have been selected for all segments of the campaign except commercial. That chairman will be named before a kick-off luncheon tentatively scheduled for Aug. 8.

The luncheon will be for all committee chairmen, as well as board members.

Pemberton said the organization's street corner drive will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, with collection points at the intersections of Main and Market, Penn and Market and Routes 1 and 9.

Multi Agency seeks volunteers to help with lonely seniors

Today, families across the country will gather to spend time with each other for the Independence Day holiday.

For some Hoopeston residents, however, today, like every other day, will be spent alone.

The Hoopeston Multi Agency would like to do something about that.

The agency received calls recently regarding two Hoopeston residents who live alone and who could use some company, said Chalmers Flint, Multi Agency executive director.

Those calls showed a need the agency wants to fill. "We're not set up to handle this, but we've got to do something," Flint said.

Flint would like to see people volunteer to visit such elderly residents and help with needs not covered by other agencies.

For example, one of the recent calls concerned a woman who lived alone with her cats. The woman was unable to clean the litter box, so Multi Agency

personnel went to her home for a visit and cleaned up after her pets.

The woman told Flint she had "prayed for a miracle" and felt her prayers were answered when the Multi Agency called.

While Flint believes there are only a few residents who live alone, he would like to reach them and is asking the community to help.

Those willing to volunteer will undergo a screening process, necessary to protect the elderly, he said. "I don't want to send someone in there who's going to rip them off," he said.

Anyone interested in helping should contact the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Also, residents who know of someone who may be alone are asked to call the agency, as well.

"I don't think this is a real big thing as far as numbers go," Flint said. "But when you think about even one person having nobody to talk to, that's really sad."

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Sunday

Grandstand: Stock Car Races 7 p.m.
(Time trials 6 p.m.)

Horse Arena: Society Horse Show 5 p.m.

Monday

Grandstand: Queen Contest 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Grandstand: Baby Contest 6 p.m.

Grandstand: Talent Contest 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Grandstand: ITPA Sanctioned Tractor Pull 7 p.m.

Horse Arena: 4-H Pony Show 2 & 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Grandstand: Decatur Park Singers 7:30 p.m.

Horse Arena: Junior Horse Show 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Grandstand: Go Cart Races 7 p.m.

Horse Arena: Western Horse Show 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Grandstand: Mike Bishop/Sweet & Sassy 7 p.m.

Horse Arena: Draft Horse, Pony & Mule Show

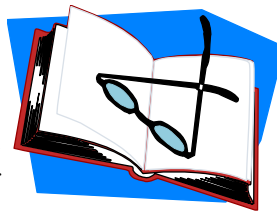
Hoopeston Public Library announces new arrivals

If you've got some time off this summer and want to read a good book, the Hoopeston Public Library has announced these new arrivals:

Fiction: "The Burglar in the Library" by Lawrence Block (mystery), "Lady of Avalon" by Marion Zimmer Bradley, "Fat Tuesday" by Sandra Brown, "Courage Under Fire" by Patrick Sheane Duncan, "An Independent Woman" by Howard Fast and "Dark Homecoming" by Eric Lustbader.

Also, "Acorna" and "Freedom's Choice" by Ann McCaffrey (science fiction), "Songs in Ordinary Time" by Mary McGarry Morris, "The Lucky Ones" by Doris Mortman, "Both Ends of the Night" by Marcia Muller (mystery), "The English Patient" by Michael Ondaatje, "Secrecy" by Belva Plain, "Birds of Prey" by Wilbur Smith, "Special Delivery" by Danielle Steel and "The Ax" by Donald E. Westlake (mystery).

Non-fiction: "Forced Exit" by Wesley J. Smith, "Just



As I Am" by Billy Graham, "I'm Not as Old as I Used to Be" by Frances Weaver, "Water Gardens" by Brian Leverett, "Mutual Fund Fact Book" 37th edition by Investment Company Institute, "The Search for Justice" by Robert L. Shapiro and "Guide to the Geology of the Hoopeston Area, Vermilion

and Iroquois Counties, Illinois" by Wayne T. Frankie.

Also, "Concerning Coal" by Magdalen Mayer, editor; "The Family Handyman Simple Car Care & Repair" by Reader's Digest Association, "Webster's New World Dictionary of the Culinary Arts" compiled by Steven Labansky and "True Beauty" by Emme.

And, "The Quilters Ultimate Visual Guide" by Ellen Pahl, editor, "Chris Madden's Guide to Personalizing Your Home" by Chris Casson Madden, "The Ways We Touch: Poems by Miller Williams, "Fifty Nature Walks in Southern Illinois" by Alan McPherson, "Laitila" by Erkki Santamala and "As We Remember Her: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis" by Carl Anthony.



Police News



Joe Layden, 715 S. First Ave., Apt. B, reported Wednesday that someone shot the back window of his 1985 truck while the car was parked at his home.

Amit Kadriu, 513 W. Penn, reported Thursday that someone broke the driver's side window of his 1995 Chevrolet while the car was parked at his

Briefly

Fishing club meeting

The Rossville Fishing Club will meet at 7 p.m. July 7 at the village office. All people with children interested in joining the club are urged to attend.

Fans available

The Hoopeston Multi Agency has fans available to loan to elderly residents. Fans were donated by Dollar General, Olympic Hardware and Pamida.

For more information or to request a fan, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Rotary activities

There will be no Hoopeston Rotary Club meeting July 8. However, a welcome home party for Aaron Krimbel and Lucas Swartz at 5 p.m. July 9 at the Ross Swartz residence.

The next meeting will be July 15. Joyce Shore will be program chairman.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
July 2, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.


Weather




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